SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

The member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings mentioned in the answer to question No. 11.

Contributions for Police Sports.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

47. Will the Government be pleased to inform whether Sub-Inspectors have not been collecting contributions from the public for the Police Sports and if so, to place on the table a statement containing the names of those Sub-Inspectors who have collected contribution, the total amount collected, the names of contributors with the amounts contributed by them, the amounts spent for the sports and the present balance, and also to mention—

(a) under whose instructions the collections have been made by the Sub-Inspectors using their official power;

(b) whether any one has sent any contribution directly to the Commissioner and if so, the names of such contributors with the amounts paid by them; and

(c) whether the Government sanction has been obtained by the Commissioner of Police to receive contribution personally or collect money from the public exerting the intimidating influence of Sub-Inspectors or others in the Police Department?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

A call for contribution in the following terms was issued to men of light and leading by the Police Commissioner.

"It is proposed to hold the Police Sports at Trichur, on 31st January 1925 corresponding to 18th Makaram 1100 on a more elaborate scale than last year and as it would obviously involve more expenditure, contributions from high State Officials, leading gentlemen and friends will be most thankfully accepted. Willing subscribers are requested to send the amount to the Commissioner's Office, Trichur."

These calls were sent to leading men by post and in case where their correct addresses were not known, through the Sub-Inspector of the place. Some of them remitted their subscriptions by cheques and money orders and some handed over theirs to the local Sub-Inspectors. It is not possible to mention the names of all those who resorted to the former method and those who chose the latter. The total amount of subscription was Rs. 830-15-0 and the Government grant was Rs. 300. An amount of Rs. 875-9-1 was spent and the balance of Rs. 255-5-11 was invested in the Nedungadi Bank, Trichur.

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(a) No official influence was used by the Sub-Inspectors in collecting subscriptions. In fact, the gentlemen to whom the above said calls for contributions were sent were of such status and position that the Sub-Inspectors' influence, could not count with them. Care has also been taken to see that subscriptions are accepted only from wealthy people who could not take advantage of this and worry Government with requests in other matters.

(b) Vide answer above.

(c) Government were aware of it. No intimidating influence has been used.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Does it mean that those to whom the call for contribution has not been made are not men of light and leading?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

I don't catch your point.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

There will be men of light and leading besides those addressed. We are not to touch on such questions of difference of opinion. I may take objection to these words, which are not very carefully used.

President.—The opinion of the Police Commissioner may be had. Then it can be satisfied.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

The subscription list was not brought to me. For that, I am very thankful to the Police Commissioner. (*Laughter*). I don't see any reason why I did not get the call.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

May I know on what basis the selection was made?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

He will find it from the notice in the Appendix given.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Are Government servants permitted to collect contributions from the public? According to Standing Orders, Government servants are prohibited from collecting subscriptions.

President.—You are referring to that. Have you got the Standing Orders?

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

Government servants cannot take any active part. That is all. They can collect public subscriptions for departmental purposes.

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President.—They can subscribe as liberally as possible but they cannot take active part in the collections. Sub-Inspectors were collecting funds from those who gave.

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

In some cases, Government used to authorise persons to do so.

President.—The Standing Order is:—"1. Government servants are prohibited from taking any part in preparing or presenting addresses of welcome or addresses containing statements of public wants and grievances to His Highness the Raja or the Diwan, or in raising subscriptions to present such addresses or to accord any other kind of welcome to His Highness or to the Diwan.

"2. Without the previous sanction of the Diwan, Government servants shall not raise subscriptions for the building of schools, choultries, etc., or any other purpose". Government servants should not enforce payments and collect subscriptions. If thay do so, they will be taken to task."

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Should they not get the permission of the Government for the purpose, as required by the Standing Orders?

President.—They must ask permission for other purposes. They are not given permission in some cases.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

48. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the Proceedings of the Commissioner of Police dated 19th Meenam 1100, Dis. No. 23/R/1100, about 'raising a permanent fund to meet the expenses of the annual Police Sports' and state:

(a) whether the sanction of the Government has been obtained by the Commissioner for the collection of this fund;

(b) whether it is compulsory that all Head Constables and constables must monthly contribute towards this fund from out of their low salary; and if it is not compulsory;

(c) why repeated orders have been issued by the Commissioner reminding the defaulters that the subscriptions should be sent at once and stating that the payments for subsequent months be made regularly in future?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

(Vide copy appended. *Appendix VII*).

(a) Government sanction was not obtained.

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